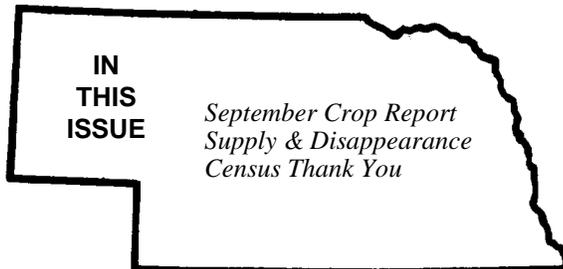


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*Dear producers and other data users:*

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## Crop Summary

Nebraska corn production based on conditions as of September 1, 2003, is forecast at 1.05 billion bushels, 11 percent more than the crop of 2002 with an average yield expected at 137 bushels per acre, 9 bushels above last year. Dryland yields are best in the Northeastern counties but disappointing across the south and west. Soybean production is forecast at 181 million bushels, the second highest of record, and 3 percent above last year. Yield, at 39 bushels per acre, would be just above the 38.5 bushels of 2002. Sorghum production is forecast at 27 million bushels, 80 percent above last year. Yield, at 53 bushels per acre, is expected to be 3 bushels higher than last year. Sugarbeet production of 907 thousand tons is up 19 percent from 2002. Yield, at 20.7 tons per acre, would be the highest in 13 years.

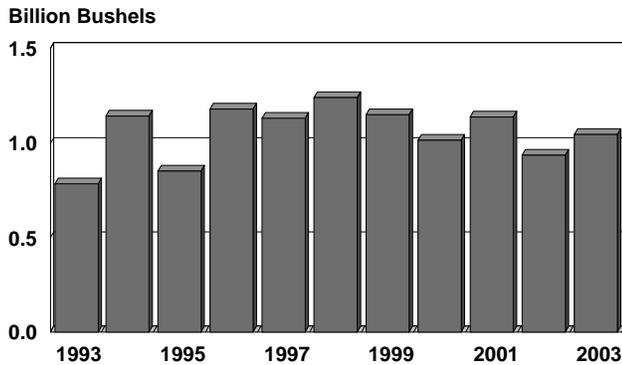
U.S. corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, based on September 1, 2003 conditions, 10 percent above 2002. Yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, up 8.5 bushels from 2002. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record. Soybean production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, 3 percent below 2002 and the lowest production since 1996. Yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, 1.4 bushels below 2002. Sorghum production is forecast at 410 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Yield, at 51.0 bushels per acre, is expected to be up 0.3 bushel from last year. Sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.7 million tons, 11 percent above last year's production. Yield, at 22.8 tons per acre, would be the highest in three years.

Crop Summary: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003

Classification	Nebraska				United States				
	2001	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>	<u>2003</u> 2002	2001	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>	<u>2003</u> 2002	
<b>Corn for Grain</b>									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	7,750	7,350	7,650	104	68,808	69,313	71,815	104
Yield	Bushels	*147.0	128.0	137.0	107	138.2	130.0	138.5	107
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,139,250	940,800	1,048,050	111	9,506,840	9,007,659	9,944,418	110
<b>Soybeans for Beans</b>									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	*4,900	4,580	4,650	102	72,975	72,160	72,626	101
Yield	Bushels	45.5	38.5	39.0	101	39.6	37.8	36.4	96
Production	1,000 Bushels	*222,950	176,330	181,350	103	2,890,682	2,729,709	2,642,644	97
<b>Sorghum for Grain</b>									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	425	300	510	170	8,584	7,299	8,041	110
Yield	Bushels	84.0	50.0	53.0	106	59.9	50.7	51.0	101
Production	1,000 Bushels	35,700	15,000	27,030	180	514,524	369,758	410,145	111
<b>Sugarbeets</b>									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	41.4	42.0	43.8	104	1,243.4	1,361.1	1,348.1	99
Yield	Tons	20.3	18.1	20.7	114	20.7	20.4	22.8	112
Production	1,000 Tons	840	760	907	119	25,764	27,718	30,673	111

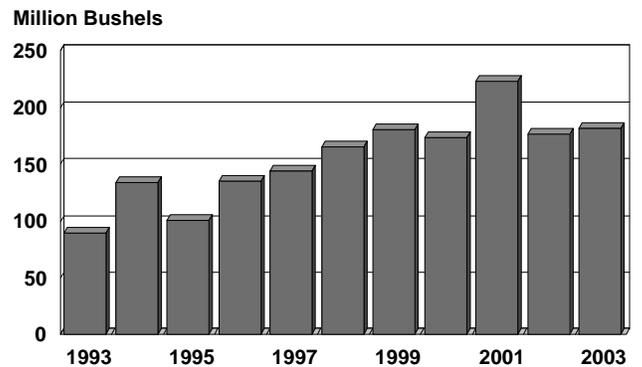
<sup>1</sup> Forecasted September 1, 2003. \*Record. Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, September 11, 2003.

**NEBRASKA CORN PRODUCTION**  
Forecast as of September 1, 2003



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

**NEBRASKA SOYBEAN PRODUCTION**  
Forecast as of September 1, 2003



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

**Corn and Soybeans: Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2001-2002 and Forecasted September 1, 2003**

State	Corn					Soybeans				
	Yield per Acre		Production			Yield per Acre		Production		
	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2001	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2001	2002	2003 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>			<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>		
Illinois	136.0	154.0	1,649,200	1,496,000	1,686,300	43.0	42.0	477,900	449,780	443,100
Indiana	121.0	145.0	884,520	631,620	797,500	41.0	43.0	273,910	235,750	227,900
Iowa	165.0	154.0	1,664,400	1,963,500	1,863,400	48.0	39.0	480,480	494,880	403,650
Kansas	116.0	120.0	387,350	290,000	318,000	23.0	20.0	87,360	58,420	52,000
Minnesota	157.0	151.0	806,000	1,051,900	989,050	43.5	37.0	266,400	308,850	277,500
Missouri	105.0	101.0	345,800	283,500	287,850	34.0	29.0	186,200	170,000	142,100
Nebraska	128.0	137.0	1,139,250	940,800	1,048,050	38.5	39.0	222,950	176,330	181,350
Ohio	88.0	145.0	437,460	252,560	464,000	30.0	42.0	187,780	141,300	183,960
So. Dakota	95.0	105.0	370,600	304,000	430,500	31.0	30.0	143,040	126,790	121,500
United States	130.0	138.5	9,506,840	9,007,659	9,944,418	37.8	36.4	2,890,682	2,729,709	2,642,644

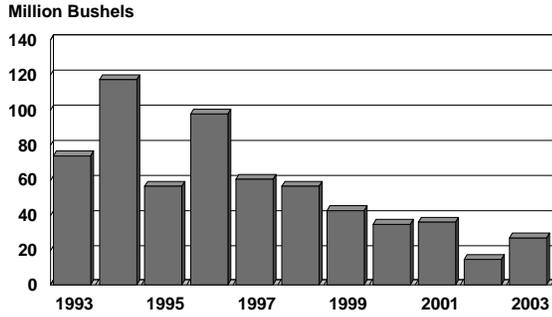
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**U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook**

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup>				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										<i>\$/bu.</i>
<b>Corn</b>										
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,861	2,054	1,905	9,820	1,596	1.97
2002/03	9,008	1,596	15	10,619	5,700	2,310	1,600	9,610	1,009	2.30
2003/04 <sup>3</sup>	9,944	1,009	10	10,964	5,625	2,475	1,800	9,900	1,064	2.10-2.50
<b>Soybeans</b>										
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	170	1,064	2,933	208	4.38
2002/03	2,730	208	4	2,942	1,615	147	1,040	2,802	140	5.50
2003/04 <sup>3</sup>	2,643	140	4	2,787	1,555	156	940	2,652	135	5.25-6.15
<b>Wheat</b>										
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	274	964	2,164	777	2.78
2002/03 <sup>3</sup>	1,616	777	77	2,471	918	208	854	1,979	492	3.56
2003/04 <sup>3</sup>	2,292	492	80	2,864	910	260	1,050	2,220	644	3.10-3.50
<b>Sorghum</b>										
2001/02	515	42	0	556	208	45	242	495	61	1.94
2002/03	370	61	0	431	165	45	180	390	41	2.30
2003/04 <sup>3</sup>	410	41	0	451	175	50	190	415	36	2.10-2.50

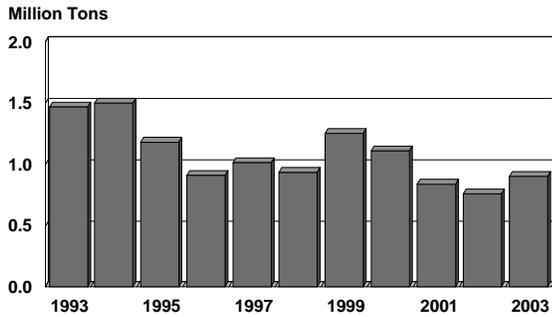
<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, September 11, 2003.

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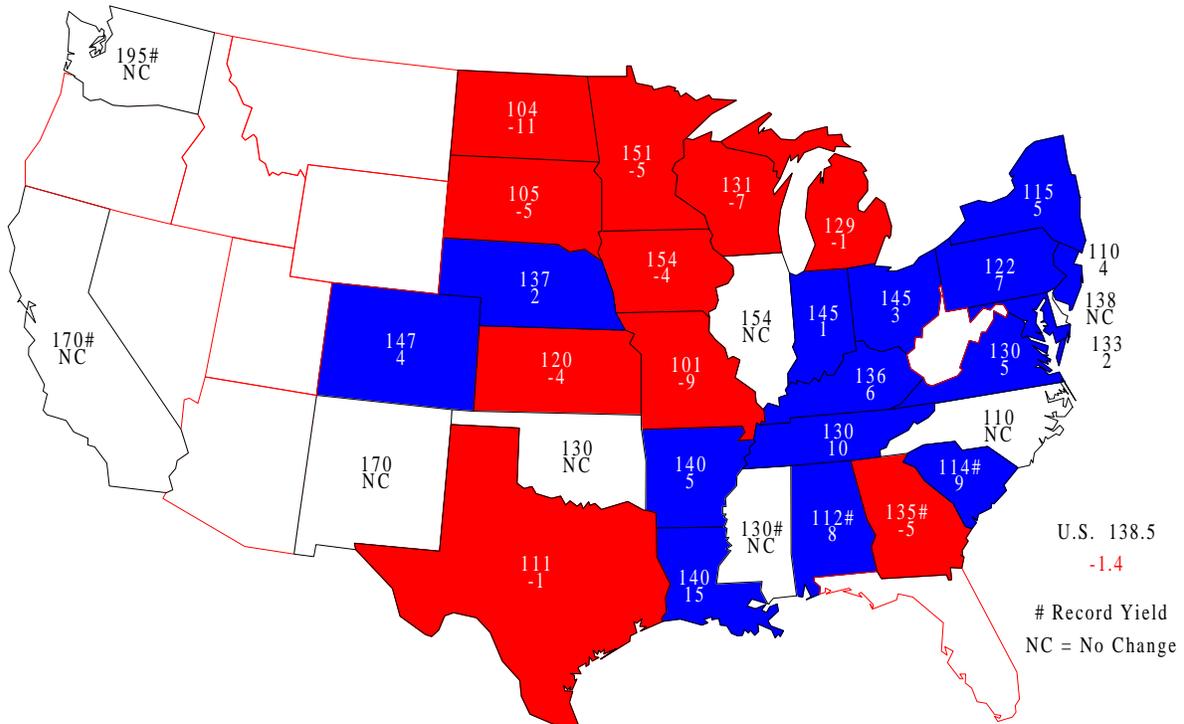
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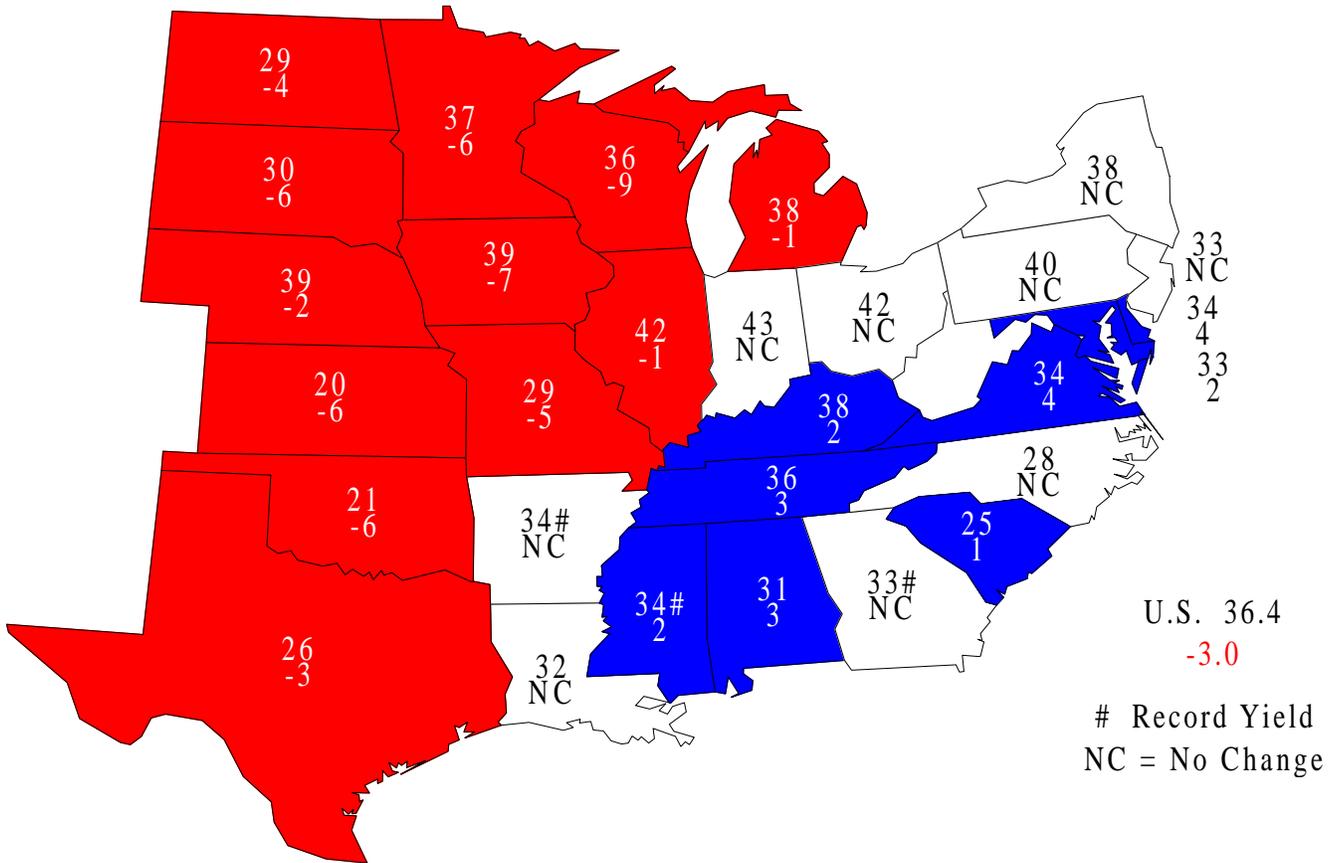
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**2003 Corn for Grain Yields**  
Bushels and Change From August



# Soybean Yields 2003

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